9th December 1954]

Silver Cafe, Madras, closure without notice to workers.

* 292-A Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of Silver Cafe, Sowcarpet, China Bazaar, Madras, has closed the cafe since the 6th December 1954, without giving any due notice either to the Government or to the Labour department or to the workers ; and

(*b*) how many workers are unemployed on account of this closure?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. The facts of the case will be ascertained and suitable action taken if necessary."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTIONS *RE*

(1) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION—NON-DISCLOSURE TO THE HOUSE OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER TO THE SECRETARY, A.I.C.C., REGARDING—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yesterday I told the House that Sri M. Narayana Kurup has given notice of a privilege motion. He thinks it is a privilege motion. I have told the House the principle that should be followed in dealing with such questions and I also told the House when a Minister must lay before the House the correspondence and when he can refuse also. I have also circulated to hon. Members the concerned starred questions and answers and also the supplementaries and their answers. I wish to know what the hon. Member Sri M. Narayana Kurup wants to say on this matter."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" To understand the issues involved it is necessary to be clear about facts."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Please tell me how this comes under the privilege motion."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The question was put by me because from the report emanating from the General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, it was known that the opinions of State Governments regarding constitutional amendments were invited by him and all Governments excepting one or two have sent their replies. In answering my question, it has been admitted that this Government was asked both by the Central Government and the General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee to give their opinions on amendments to the Constitution."

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not correct to say that this Government was requested both by the Prime Minister and the General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, to give their opinions about amendments to the Constitution. The General Secretary wrote to Sri Kamaraj Nadar, Chief Minister of the Government of Madras, in his own personal capacity."